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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

OPTICAL DISC APPARATUS

and invented by:

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Application Elements

1. Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
2. Specification having 47 pages and including the following:
 - a. Descriptive Title of the Invention
 - b. Cross References to Related Applications (*if applicable*)
 - c. Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (*if applicable*)
 - d. Reference to Microfiche Appendix (*if applicable*)
 - e. Background of the Invention
 - f. Brief Summary of the Invention
 - g. Brief Description of the Drawings (*if drawings filed*)
 - h. Detailed Description
 - i. Claim(s) as Classified Below
 - j. Abstract of the Disclosure

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3. Drawing(s) (when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)

a. Formal Number of Sheets 20
b. Informal Number of Sheets _____

4. Oath or Declaration

a. Newly executed (*original or copy*) Unexecuted
b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (*for continuation/divisional application only*)
c. With Power of Attorney Without Power of Attorney
d. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**

Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,
see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

5. Incorporation By Reference (*usable if Box 4b is checked*)

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied
under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby
incorporated by reference therein.

6. Computer Program in Microfiche (*Appendix*)

7. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (*if applicable, all must be included*)

a. Paper Copy
b. Computer Readable Copy (*identical to computer copy*)
c. Statement Verifying Identical Paper and Computer Readable Copy

Accompanying Application Parts

8. Assignment Papers (*cover sheet & document(s)*)

9. 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement (*when there is an assignee*)

10. English Translation Document (*if applicable*)

11. Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations

12. Preliminary Amendment

13. Acknowledgment postcard

14. Certificate of Mailing

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15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (*if foreign priority is claimed*)
 Priority is hereby claimed under 37 C.F.R. §1.55 and 35 U.S.C. §119 based on prior foreign Application No. 11-258578 filed in Japan on September 13, 1999. A certified copy of the priority document will follow.

16. Additional Enclosures (*please identify below*):

Fee Calculation and Transmittal

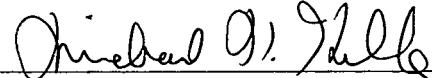
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 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.311(b).


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